IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 9, 22 and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 1, 3 to 8, 10 to 21, 24, 25 and 27 to 29 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A network interface apparatus which is connected to an image processing apparatus and communicates with ~~provides a print service to~~ an external apparatus ~~of a network in an interlocking relational manner with said image processing apparatus~~, comprising:

a providing unit adapted to provide ~~means for providing~~ display data necessary for constructing ~~in which~~ a picture plane for displaying or [[and]] setting apparatus information of the ~~said~~ image processing apparatus to the external apparatus ~~has been described and data necessary for constructing said picture plane~~;

a holding unit adapted to hold ~~means for holding~~ language information indicative of a selected language among a plurality of kinds of languages; and

a data obtaining unit adapted to obtain the display ~~means for requesting type-dependent~~ data from the ~~said~~ image processing apparatus if ~~in case of the type-dependent data in which~~ the display data necessary for constructing the ~~said~~ picture plane depends on an apparatus type of the image processing apparatus and obtaining the display ~~type-independent~~ data from said network interface apparatus if ~~in case of the type-independent data in which~~ the display data necessary for constructing the ~~said~~ picture plane does not depend on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus,

wherein said <u>data obtaining unit obtains the display data corresponding to the language indicated by the language information held by said holding unit from the image processing apparatus and said</u> providing <u>unit</u> ~~means~~ provides the display data corresponding to the language <u>indicated</u> ~~shown~~ by the language information held by said holding <u>unit</u> ~~means~~ to the external apparatus.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said providing <u>unit</u> ~~means~~ provides the display data in which a picture plane for selecting the language has been described, and said holding <u>unit</u> ~~means~~ holds the language information indicative of the language selected on said picture plane.

4. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said providing <u>unit</u> ~~means~~ provides the display data by using an HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol), and <u>wherein</u> said data obtaining <u>unit</u> ~~means~~ discriminates whether the requested data is [[the]] type-dependent data <u>which depends on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus</u> or [[the]] type-independent data <u>which does not depend on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus</u> on the basis of a URL (Uniform Resource Locator) of the requested data, <u>obtains</u> ~~requests~~ the type-dependent data from <u>the</u> ~~said~~ image processing apparatus if the requested data is the type-dependent data, and obtains the type-independent data from said network interface apparatus if the requested data is the type-independent data.

5. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~said~~

picture plane displays information regarding a paper feed, information regarding a paper delivery,

and error information.

6. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the display

~~said type-dependent~~ data which depends on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus

is image data showing an external view of the connected image processing apparatus.

7. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~said~~ image

processing apparatus is a printer and said network interface apparatus is a network card which

can be connected to a plurality of kinds of printers.

8. (Currently amended) A network interface apparatus which is connected to an

image processing apparatus and communicates with ~~provides a print service to~~ an external

apparatus ~~of a network in an interlocking relational manner with said image processing~~

~~apparatus,~~ comprising:

a providing unit adapted to provide ~~means for providing~~ display data necessary for

constructing ~~in which~~ a picture plane for displaying or [[and]] setting apparatus information of

the ~~said~~ image processing apparatus to the external apparatus ~~has been described and data~~

~~necessary for constructing said picture plane;~~

an obtaining unit adapted to obtain ~~means for obtaining~~ shipping destination

information showing to which place the ~~said~~ image processing apparatus is shipped; and

a data obtaining unit adapted to obtain the display ~~means for requesting~~ ~~type-dependent~~ data from the ~~said~~ image processing apparatus if ~~in case of~~ the display ~~type-dependent data in which the~~ data necessary for constructing the ~~said~~ picture plane depends on an apparatus type of the image processing apparatus and obtaining the display ~~type-independent~~ data from said network interface apparatus if ~~in case of the type-independent~~ ~~data in which~~ the display data necessary for constructing the ~~said~~ picture plane does not depend on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus,

wherein said data obtaining unit obtains the display data corresponding to the shipping destination shown by the shipping destination information obtained by said obtaining unit from the image processing apparatus and said providing unit ~~means~~ provides the display data corresponding to the shipping destination shown by the shipping destination information obtained by said obtaining unit ~~means~~ to the external apparatus.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said obtaining unit ~~means~~ requests the shipping destination information from the ~~said~~ image processing apparatus.

11. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said providing unit ~~means~~ provides the display data by using an HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol), and wherein said data obtaining unit ~~means~~ discriminates whether the requested data is [[the]] type-dependent data which depends on the apparatus type of the image processing

apparatus or [[the]] type-independent data <u>which does not depend on the apparatus type of the</u> <u>image processing apparatus</u> on the basis of a URL (Uniform Resource Locator) of the requested data, <u>obtains</u> ~~requests~~ the type-dependent data from <u>the</u> ~~said~~ image processing apparatus if the requested data is the type-dependent data, and obtains the type-independent data from said network interface apparatus if the requested data is the type-independent data.

12. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein <u>the</u> ~~said~~ picture plane displays information regarding a paper feed, information regarding a paper delivery, and error information.

13. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein <u>the display</u> ~~said type-dependent~~ data <u>which depends on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus</u> is image data showing an external view of the connected image processing apparatus.

14. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein <u>the</u> ~~said~~ image processing apparatus is a printer and said network interface apparatus is a network card which can be connected to a plurality of kinds of printers.

15. (Currently amended) An image processing apparatus which is connected to a network interface apparatus for controlling data communication with ~~a network and provides a~~ ~~print service to~~ an external apparatus ~~of the network in an interlocking relational manner with~~ ~~said network interface apparatus~~, comprising:

storing <u>unit adapted to store</u> ~~means for storing~~ type-dependent data which depends

on a type of said image processing apparatus in <u>display</u> data necessary for constructing a picture

plane for displaying <u>or</u> [[and]] setting apparatus information of said image processing apparatus;

and

transfer <u>unit adapted to transfer</u> ~~means for transferring~~ the type-dependent data

stored in said storing <u>unit</u> ~~means~~ to <u>the</u> ~~said~~ network interface apparatus in accordance with a

request from <u>the</u> ~~said~~ network interface apparatus,

wherein <u>the</u> ~~said~~ network interface apparatus <u>requests</u> ~~provides~~ display data in

which a picture plane corresponding to a selected language has been described ~~to the external~~

~~apparatus~~, provides the <u>display</u> ~~type-dependent~~ data transferred from said image processing

apparatus to the external apparatus if the <u>display</u> data necessary for constructing <u>the</u> ~~said~~ picture

plane is the type-dependent data, and provides <u>display</u> ~~type-independent~~ data stored in <u>the</u> ~~said~~

network interface apparatus to the external apparatus if the <u>display</u> data necessary for <u>the</u> ~~said~~

picture plane is <u>not the type-dependent</u> ~~the type-independent~~ data.

16. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein in

accordance with the request from <u>the</u> ~~said~~ network interface apparatus, said transfer <u>unit</u> ~~means~~

transfers the type-dependent data stored corresponding to the selected language in the

type-dependent data stored in said storing <u>unit</u> ~~means~~ to <u>the</u> ~~said~~ network interface apparatus.

17. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said image

processing apparatus is a printer and <u>the</u> ~~said~~ network interface apparatus is a network card which

can be connected to a plurality of kinds of printers.

18. (Currently amended) An image processing apparatus which is connected to a network interface apparatus for controlling data communication with ~~a network and provides a print service to~~ an external apparatus ~~of the network in an interlocking relational manner with said network interface apparatus~~, comprising:

a storing <u>unit adapted to store</u> ~~means for storing~~ type-dependent data which depends on a type of said image processing apparatus in <u>display</u> data necessary for constructing a picture plane for displaying <u>or</u> [[and]] setting apparatus information of said image processing apparatus;

a memory <u>unit adapted to store</u> ~~means for storing~~ shipping destination information showing to which place said image processing apparatus is shipped;

a first transfer <u>unit adapted to transfer</u> ~~means for transferring~~ the shipping destination information stored in said memory <u>unit</u> ~~means~~ in accordance with a request from <u>the</u> ~~said~~ network interface apparatus; and

a second transfer <u>unit adapted to transfer</u> ~~means for transferring~~ the type-dependent data stored in said storing <u>unit</u> ~~means~~ to <u>the</u> ~~said~~ network interface apparatus in accordance with the request from <u>the</u> ~~said~~ network interface apparatus,

wherein <u>the</u> ~~said~~ network interface apparatus <u>requests</u> ~~provides~~ display data in which a picture plane corresponding to the shipping destination information transferred from the external apparatus has been described ~~to the external apparatus~~, provides the <u>display</u> ~~type-dependent~~ data transferred from said image processing apparatus to the external apparatus if the <u>display</u> data necessary for constructing <u>the</u> ~~said~~ picture plane is the type-dependent data, and provides <u>display</u> ~~type-independent~~ data stored in <u>the</u> ~~said~~ network interface apparatus to the

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external apparatus if the <u>display</u> data necessary for <u>the</u> ~~said~~ picture plane is <u>not</u> the <u>type-dependent</u> ~~type-independent~~ data.

19. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said second transfer <u>unit</u> ~~means~~ transfers the type-dependent data corresponding to the shipping destination information stored in said memory <u>unit</u> ~~means~~ in the type-dependent data stored in said storing <u>unit</u> ~~means~~ to said network interface apparatus in accordance with the request from <u>the</u> ~~said~~ network interface apparatus.

20. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said image processing apparatus is a printer and <u>the</u> ~~said~~ network interface apparatus is a network card which can be connected to a plurality of kinds of printers.

21. (Currently amended) A data providing method of providing data to an external apparatus from a network interface apparatus which is connected to an image processing apparatus and <u>communicates with</u> ~~provides a print service to~~ the external apparatus ~~of a network in an interlocking relational manner with said image processing apparatus~~, comprising the steps of:

allowing <u>the</u> ~~said~~ network interface apparatus to provide display data <u>necessary for constructing</u> ~~that is data in which~~ a picture plane for displaying <u>or</u> [[and]] setting apparatus information of <u>the</u> ~~said~~ image processing apparatus <u>to the external apparatus</u> ~~has been described~~ and that corresponds to a language shown by held language information;

if data necessary for constructing the picture plane ~~is type-dependent data which~~ depends on an apparatus type, allowing said network interface apparatus to request the <u>display</u> ~~type-dependent~~ data from <u>the</u> ~~said~~ image processing apparatus;

allowing said image processing apparatus to transfer the <u>display</u> ~~type-dependent~~ data to said network interface apparatus in accordance with a request from said network interface apparatus;

if the data necessary for said picture plane ~~is type-independent data which~~ does not depend on the apparatus type, allowing said network interface apparatus to obtain the <u>display</u> ~~type-independent~~ data stored in said network interface apparatus; and

allowing said network interface apparatus to provide the <u>display</u> ~~type-dependent data or the type-independent~~ data to the external apparatus.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein said network interface apparatus provides the display data in which a picture plane for selecting the language has been described and holds the language information showing the language selected on said picture plane.

24. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 21, wherein <u>the</u> ~~said~~ image processing apparatus is a printer and said network interface apparatus is a network card which can be connected to a plurality of kinds of printers.

25. (Currently amended) A data providing method of providing data to an external apparatus from a network interface apparatus which is connected to an image processing apparatus and <u>communicates with</u> ~~provides a print service to~~ the external apparatus ~~of a network in an interlocking relational manner with said image processing apparatus~~, comprising the steps of:

allowing said network interface apparatus to provide display data <u>necessary for constructing</u> ~~that is data in which~~ a picture plane for displaying <u>or</u> [[and]] setting apparatus information of <u>the</u> ~~said~~ image processing apparatus <u>to the external apparatus</u> ~~has been described~~ and that corresponds to shipping destination information showing to which place said image processing apparatus is shipped;

if data necessary for constructing the picture plane ~~is type-dependent data which~~ depends on an apparatus type <u>of the image processing apparatus</u>, allowing said network interface apparatus to <u>obtain</u> ~~request~~ the <u>display</u> ~~type-dependent~~ data from said image processing apparatus;

allowing <u>the</u> ~~said~~ image processing apparatus to transfer the <u>display</u> ~~type-dependent~~ data to said network interface apparatus ~~in accordance with a request from said network interface apparatus~~;

if the data necessary for <u>the</u> ~~said~~ picture plane ~~is type-independent data which~~ does not depend on the apparatus type, allowing said network interface apparatus to obtain the <u>display</u> ~~type-independent~~ data ~~stored in said network interface apparatus~~; and

allowing said network interface apparatus to provide the <u>display</u> ~~type-dependent~~ ~~data or the type-independent~~ data to the external apparatus.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 25, wherein said network interface apparatus requests the ~~said~~ shipping destination information from the ~~said~~ image processing apparatus.

28. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 25, wherein the ~~said~~ image processing apparatus is a printer and said network interface apparatus is a network card which can be connected to a plurality of kinds of printers.

29. (Currently amended) A program for controlling a network interface apparatus which is connected to an image processing apparatus and communicates with an ~~provides a print service to the~~ external apparatus ~~of a network in an interlocking relational manner with said image processing apparatus~~, wherein said program allows a computer to execute:

a providing step of providing display data necessary for constructing ~~in which~~ a picture plane for displaying or [[and]] setting apparatus information of the ~~said~~ image processing apparatus to the external apparatus ~~has been described and data necessary for constructing said picture plane~~; and

a data obtaining step of, if the display data necessary for constructing the ~~said~~ picture plane ~~is type-dependent data which~~ depends on an apparatus type, obtaining ~~requesting~~ the display ~~type-dependent~~ data from said image processing apparatus, and if the display data necessary for the ~~said~~ picture plane ~~is type-independent data which~~ does not depend on the

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apparatus type, obtaining the display ~~type-independent~~ data from the ~~said~~ network interface

apparatus, and

wherein in said providing step, display data corresponding to a language indicated

by language information received from the image processing apparatus and selected from among

a plurality of kinds of languages is provided to the external apparatus.

30. (Currently amended) A program for controlling a network interface apparatus

which is connected to an image processing apparatus and communicates with an ~~provides a print~~

~~service to the~~ external apparatus ~~of a network in an interlocking relational manner with said~~

~~image processing apparatus~~, wherein said program allows a computer to execute:

a providing step of providing display data necessary for constructing ~~in which~~ a

picture plane for displaying or [[and]] setting apparatus information of the ~~said~~ image processing

apparatus to the external apparatus ~~has been described and data necessary for constructing said~~

~~picture plane~~;

an obtaining step of obtaining shipping destination information showing to which

place said image processing apparatus is shipped; and

a data obtaining step of, if the data necessary for constructing the ~~said~~ picture

plane ~~is type-dependent data which~~ depends on an apparatus type, requesting the display

~~type-dependent~~ data from said image processing apparatus, and if the data necessary for the ~~said~~

picture plane ~~is type-independent data which~~ does not depend on the apparatus type, obtaining

the display ~~type-independent~~ data from said network interface apparatus[[,]]

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and wherein in said providing step, display data corresponding to a shipping

destination shown by said obtained shipping destination information is provided to the external

apparatus.